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**From:** McGrath, Shaun  
**Sent:** Tue 8/11/2015 8:26:20 PM  
**Subject:** Re: upcoming travel - assistance

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 11, 2015, at 2:18 PM, Distefano, Nichole <[DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov](mailto:DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov)> wrote:

Right – so Bennet, Udall, Gardner, Heinrich and Lujan are all aware. The only one we have not reached directly is Tipton – he is out of the country but we are working on that for later tonight.

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**From:** McGrath, Shaun  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 4:16 PM  
**To:** Distefano, Nichole  
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Understand. I'm getting hammered by elected officials that we aren't giving them advance

notice.

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On Aug 11, 2015, at 2:13 PM, Distefano, Nichole <[DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov](mailto:DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov)> wrote:

Sorry for the abruptness but we've had to orchestrate this a bit. She has spoken to most of the delegation so they know – but we need to give them a chance to do their thing before going more broadly on the call.

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**From:** McGrath, Shaun

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 4:11 PM

**To:** Reynolds, Thomas

**Cc:** Fritz, Matthew; Stanislaus, Mathy; Curry, Ron; Blumenfeld, Jared; Bluhm, Kate; Herckis, Arian; Purchia, Liz; Rupp, Mark; Vaught, Laura; Distefano, Nichole; Mitchell, Stacey; Harrison, Melissa; Zito, Kelly; Gray, David; Smith, Paula; Card, Joan; Coleman, Sam; Strauss, Alexis

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Will someone announce on call with Cong state tribal and local officials that is going on now?

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On Aug 11, 2015, at 2:09 PM, Reynolds, Thomas <[Reynolds.Thomas@epa.gov](mailto:Reynolds.Thomas@epa.gov)> wrote:

For awareness we are announcing this trip at 430 pm EST.

The announcement will not have details in it.

It will simply say she is going to Durango, CO, and Farmington, NM, and more details will be announced later.

Folks should fold this point into the 5 pm EST press call that is scheduled.

**From:** Fritz, Matthew

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 4:07 PM

**To:** McGrath, Shaun; Stanislaus, Mathy; Curry, Ron; Blumenfeld, Jared

**Cc:** Bluhm, Kate; Herckis, Arian; Purchia, Liz; Reynolds, Thomas; Rupp, Mark; Vaught, Laura; Distefano, Nichole; Mitchell, Stacey; Harrison, Melissa; Zito, Kelly; Gray, David; Smith, Paula; Card, Joan; Coleman, Sam; Strauss, Alexis

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**Importance:** High

This is a go.

She will be departing this evening at approximately 7:30 PM and arriving in Denver at some hour this evening (Kate is better with these details than I am.)

The sketch is pretty close to what we will try to do.

Wednesday AM – meet with the Governor in Denver

Fly to Durango

Arrive around 12:30

Proceed to the Unified Command Center

Participate in a series of briefings: incident command update/delegation/state local and tribes

Press availability

Depart for New Mexico by automobile.

Arrive early evening.

Possible catch-up with Congressman Lujan

Overnight in Farmington area

Thursday AM – no particular order

Visit the command set up in Farmington

Participate in briefings with federal team/Congressional delegation/state and locals/tribes

Visit to Shiprock and Navajo tribal members

Press availability

Depart

**From:** Fritz, Matthew

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This is still in the process of being developed – but please keep preparing for a visit with materials.

One suggested alteration for NM – in addition to stopping in Farmington, to fully engage with the Navajo tribal members I suggest adding a 30 minute ride to Shiprock.

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Good morning everyone,

This is in the very preliminary stages of development.

We need your assistance.

Plans to have the Administrator travel to the four corners are still being contemplated.

However, if she travels here is a sketch of what it might look like:

Travel to Denver this evening

Meet with Governor Hickenlooper in Denver early in the morning

Board a flight to Durango around 11:00 AM

Arrive in Durango around 12:15 PM

Visit the Unified Command center – meet with and get briefed by the Incident Commander

Have a separate meeting with the Colorado Congressional Delegation

Meet with the State/Local/Tribal representatives at the Command Center

Hold a press availability at some juncture

Travel late that afternoon to Farmington, NM and overnight.

Visit the satellite Unified Command center in New Mexico – get a briefing there (need to figure out who does that)

Meet with the NM Congressional Delegation

Meet with State/Local/Tribal representatives and/or set up a separate meeting with the Navajo

Hold a press availability at some juncture

We need your help fleshing out these concepts. Do not share widely – since this

travel has not been confirmed. We will need appropriate prep or briefing materials for these possible interactions – situational updates, an update on what we have “stood” up in the Unified Command, what services we are providing – from water to assisting with claims, basic stats on our response – staffing, etc., a break-out as to who is represented within the Incident Command structure (state partners, federal partners, tribes, local, etc.), thoughts and approaches for downriver – what is in place for addressing concerns associated with Lake Powell, for example.

Please begin working on this now. All of this information will be helpful regardless if there is a visit or not.